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NEWSNOTES

Route 68 Gate temporarily closed

Fort Dix employees, residents and visitors who normally use the Main Gate on Route 68 must seek alternate entrance to the post through June 23 as construction will block access through the checkpoint.

Drivers are encouraged to plan alternate routes to post. The busiest route will be Saylor's Pond Road into Wrightstown and through the checkpoint at the Wrightstown Circle. The checkpoints on the Browns Mills end of Texas Avenue 5 for Jolietstown Road will also be in full operation during the temporary shutdown on Route 68.

Construction on the Main Gate will not impact operations at the Visitors' Center, which will remain open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for issuing identification cards, visitor passes and vehicle decals.

Housing privatization firm schedules Job Fair

United Communities, LLC (the housing privatization company for McGuire AFB and Fort Dix) will host a job fair on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Support Center on McGuire AFB (Building 3011; phone number 754-3154) to hand out applications, accept resumes, and conduct preliminary interviews. A variety of jobs will be available.

Walton Alumni gather for picnic

Walton Army Community Hospital (WACH) Alumni annual BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 10, at Hipsley Foley Park located on Alabama and 1st Street, Fort Dix, adjacent to The Club Dix. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. All WACH employees are encouraged to attend. Please contact Fay Marshall-Dease @ (609) 562-2666 to confirm your attendance. Payment must be received no later than 6 June 2006.

Library services close, Computer Lab remains

Effective immediately, the Fort Dix Library has reduced services to just the Computer Lab operations. The Computer Lab will be open Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Anyone with outstanding books or other materials from the Fort Dix Library, please drop them off at the Library circulation desk by June 30. If you have any questions, please call MWR Headquarters at 562-2741.

MWR regrets any inconvenience the future consolidation of library services may have on you and ask that you check out the McGuire Air Force Base Library facility located in Bldg 2603, Tuskegee Avenue.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Showers with possible afternoon thunderstorms, high near 75. Cloudy with a chance of showers in the evening, low around 55 degrees.

SATURDAY -- Partly cloudy with a high around 75. Cloudy overnight with a low of 53.

SUNDAY -- Mostly sunny with a high around 73. Some clouds overnight with a low near 55 degrees.

MONDAY -- Partly cloudy with high in the mid-70s. Clouds continue overnight with a low near 57 degrees.

Army outlines changes

Headquarters, DA News -- June 6, 2006 -- The Army is reorganizing its commands and specified headquarters to accelerate the momentum of ongoing transformation efforts and increase the Army's responsiveness globally and at home.

In an additional step toward modernization, the new structure identifies three types of headquarters: Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units.

The three Army Commands are: U.S. Army Forces Command (designated

by the Secretary of the Army as both an Army Command under the direction of Headquarters Department of the Army and the Army Service Component Command to U.S. Joint Forces Command), U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The nine Army Service Component Commands are: U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Army Central, U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Military Surface Deployment

and Distribution Command, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Strategic Command and Eighth U.S. Army.

The 11 Direct Reporting Units are: US Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command (Army) (NETCOM/9th SC(A)), U.S. Army Medical Command, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, U.S. Army Test and Eval-

uation Command, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Army Reserve Command, U.S. Army Acquisition Support Command and U.S. Army Installation Management Agency.

The term MACOM no longer properly defines current and future Army commands. It has been replaced by three Army commands performing multiple Army service Title 10 functions across multiple disciplines; nine army service component commands -- an Army force, comprised primarily of

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Data loss includes current military

American Forces Press Service-WASHINGTON, June 6, 2006 - Active-duty servicemembers and members of the National Guard and Reserves may be affected by the recent personal data loss by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA announced today.

The VA announced over the weekend that the records stolen from the home of a VA representative in May might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and DoD learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserves may have been included in the data theft, according to today's release.

In May, the VA learned that an employee took home electronic data without authorization, in violation of established VA policies. The employee's home was burglarized and the data were stolen. Included were names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans.

The VA is currently in discussions with several entities regarding credit-monitoring services to determine how veterans and active-duty personnel potentially affected can best be served. The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes.



Pascual Flores

THOSE LEFT BEHIND -- Maj. Gen. Bruce Robinson, commanding general of the 98th Division, (IT), left, guest speaker at the building dedication for Sgt. Lawrence Roukey, who was killed in Iraq, stand by the portrait of the latest hero to honor a facility here at Fort Dix. Robinson is joined by Nicholas, son of the deceased and Ryann, and the spouse of the deceased and Col. Dinon, acting installation commander, who are not pictured.

Division Support Command cases colors

Sgt. Shawn Morris
444th MPAD

The New Jersey National Guard's 42nd Division Support Command cased its colors during a ceremony held at the unit's headquarters in Somerset June 3.

As part of the Army's ongoing transformation, the 42nd Division Support Command (DISCOM) -- whose Soldiers spent the past 19 months mobilized and serving in Iraq -- has been redesignated the 42nd Regional Support Group (RSG). The DISCOM served as an umbrella organization for units whose Soldiers provide support services for the division.

"If you look at these past two years, it's an historic time for the New Jersey National Guard and the 42nd DISCOM," said Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the adjutant general of New Jersey. "The Regional Support Group is going to continue to be the support base."

The 42nd RSG's mission will remain much the same as the 42nd DISCOM's, although fewer units and Soldiers will fall under its command. Despite these reduced numbers, the RSG's mission is no less important.

"The DISCOM of the 42nd Infantry Division is truly historic," Rieth told the crowd of Soldiers, family members and distinguished guests. The unit can trace its lineage back to Feb. 22, 1917, when it was organized in the New Jersey National Guard as the 1st Infantry supply company.

Following service in France during World War I, the unit demobilized at Camp Dix. The unit also served in Europe during World War II, spent nearly half a century as part of the 50th Armored Division, and was finally

reorganized as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Infantry Division Support Command, in September 1993.

Most recently, the DISCOM was mobilized from May 2004 to Novem-

ber 2005, which included 10 months in Iraq where the unit was responsible for 22,000 troops in four combat brigades in an area the size of West Virginia.

The redesignation ceremony provided a chance for the unit's Soldiers to be

officially thanked and welcomed home. "Whenever the nation has called, the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard have stepped up," said Rieth. "The DISCOM element of the 42nd

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Carolee Nisbet

Humming along to victory

Soldiers of the 28th Joint Area Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, lean into the humvee pull June 3 at the Military Appreciation Day Street Fair on McGuire Air Force Base. Led by Staff Sgt. Kevin Wagner, the team won first place and the \$500 prize.

CSM Howard E. Merritt 1950 - 2006



Recently retired Command Sgt. Major Howard E. Merritt died from the ravages of cancer at his home in Baltimore at 1:30 a.m. on May 31.

He was 56 years old.

Merritt spent the last years of his 32-year Army career at Fort Dix, serving as command sergeant major for the 1079th Garrison Support Unit and then in the same position at the battalion level for the newly-created Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB). Mobilized on active duty shortly after the trauma of 9/11, the command sergeant major was instrumental in insuring that all of the newly-mobilized Soldiers at Fort Dix successfully adjusted to their wartime missions in Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Merritt's efforts were instrumental in Fort Dix receiving the Army's Chief of Staff Deployment Excellence Award for two years running.

"He was a consummate advocate of the Soldier," says Col. Douglas Dinon, Fort Dix's deputy commander for mobilization and Merritt's old CO at the 1079th GSU.

Dinon recalls that Merritt "would methodically seek out the reasons behind a Soldier's behavior" and find a solution "rather than penalize the Soldier without understanding the root cause." Many Soldiers owed the command sergeant major big time for being given second chances. "And these NCOs became today's leaders," Dinon emphasizes.

Dinon praises his old cohort, calling him "the constant professional." The colonel has fond memories of Merritt mentoring "company grade NCOs and officers" and advising field grade officers. "He was always calm and rational," Dinon recalls.

Master Sgt. Ramon Dobles, 1079th GSU, is off active duty now but was Command Sgt. Maj. Merritt's right hand man in the turbulent years immediately following 9/11. He'll never forget the experience.

"Everybody says they have an open door policy but the command sergeant major had one - for 24 hours a day - without saying so," Dobles notes. "When Soldiers were in trouble he came and helped. He cared about Soldiers and was always taking care of them. He never saw anything bad in a Soldier. He saw their best and helped bring out their best," Dobles confides.

"I used to go downrange with him at all hours of the night. He would bring juice and snacks to soldiers standing guard or other duty," Dobles recalls. "at all hours of the night."

The veteran NCO considers Merritt "an outstanding command sergeant major who became something more to me - a friend." In Dobles' eyes, his friend was "a hero, a legend, a friend and a leader."

Most of all, he was a Soldier. "When I was the OIC of A/DACG, the majority of our work was conducted in the middle of the night at McGuire AFB. It was nearly always cold, hot, windy, or wet and out in the open" with no head cover (due to flight line restrictions), recalls Capt. Chris Norton, commander of HHC, 1079th GSU. "Command Sgt. Maj. Merritt was the ONLY senior leader I recall seeing on the flight line with us. I remember him slinging bags and crates in the belly of planes, in the elements, at 2:30 a.m. He cared enough about his Soldiers to not only 'check in' with them, but to learn their jobs and even lend a hand (he even made sure one young lieutenant got some sleep)."

Norton considers Command Sgt. Maj. Merritt "a Soldier's Soldier. I would fight alongside him any day. God speed, Howard."

Master Sgt. Barbara Wilson, NCOIC for Human Resources Military, says she'll "really miss his (Merritt's) smile and the little talks we would



photo courtesy of SFC James Fearn

SOCIAL SOLIDARITY -- Sgt. 1st Class James Fearn, left, greets Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Merritt at a dining-in held by the Mobilization Readiness Battalion during Merritt's tenure at Fort Dix. Merritt was "a social lion when occasions permitted but tough as nails when tackling professional problems."

have. He would always ask me and other Soldiers, 'What can I do to help you? Do you need any help?' With those few words you knew there were still some good people around," Wilson observes.

Fort Dix's Mobilization Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young admired the way Merritt personified the Army values of leadership, duty, respect, selfless service, honor and personal courage.

"It always saddens my heart when a warrior passes but I take great comfort in knowing that I will meet up with him again at the final roll call," Young says.

The current first sergeant for the 1079th GSU is equally philosophical when discussing Merritt's merits.

"Ninety-nine percent of any conversation I ever had with him was usually after what most would consider 'normal' duty hours while he would be making his rounds to check on the welfare of the military police," recalls Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Remenick, now the top kick.

"These conversations always included the standard Merritt greeting, 'Hey, guy!', followed by a giant hand shake and included no less than 10 'Huas.' If I am fortunate enough to depart this world with HALF as much respect, honor, and dignity as he had... I would have accomplished something," Remenick says.

Command Sgt. Maj. Merritt accomplished quite a bit at Fort Dix from 9/11 through 2003. He was tireless in helping to prepare, process and mobilize the 800 base operation Soldiers who would augment Fort Dix's civilian cadre in processing herds of Soldiers heading overseas. Merritt utilized his extensive medical background in the military to establish a medical team that proved invaluable to the command, developing systematic processes for medical missions and building a medical supply cage for over 1,200 Soldiers while pushing Combat Life Saving training among both base Soldiers and transients.

Merritt served 12 companies, in fact, indirectly monitoring 12 first sergeants and nine directorate NCOs.

Born on Jan. 11, 1950, in Baltimore, Merritt was raised by an aunt and spent some time in foster care before graduating from high school in 1968. He was drafted into the Army shortly thereafter, receiving excellent training as a medical NCO in his first three years of active duty.

Merritt retired after 33 years working as a health care investigator for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in Maryland. He had strong intellectual inclinations too, completing a two-year associate's degree at the Community College of Baltimore in 1977 and racking up 51 credits at the University of Baltimore.

Merritt is survived by his wife of 33 years, Linda Joan Keating, and his 32-year-old son, Nakia Alexander.

His burial was Tuesday at St. Gabriel's Church in Catonsville, Md.

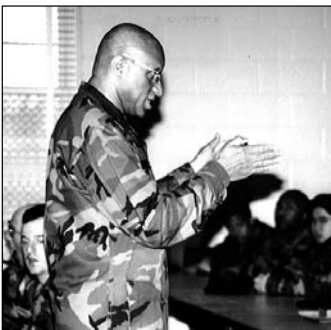
Rest in peace, Soldier.

— Staff Sgt. (RET) Steve Snyder
1079th GSU, USA



file photo

HARD CHARGER -- Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Merritt, arm raised, leads Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) troops in a PT run. Merritt served as command sergeant major for the 1079th Garrison Support Unit (GSU) and MRB at Fort Dix from August 2000 to November 2003. During the period beginning in October 2001, the 1079th GSU was mobilized to support Fort Dix's power projection platform. Merritt became the Installation Support Battalion's first command sergeant major, overseeing the Battalion's transition from provisional to active duty. He was in charge of all daily action plans and demonstrated superior leadership in harnessing, mentoring and training the unit's NCO corps to the point where they became more than a match for the wartime duties thrust upon them.



Sgt. 1st Class Angela Rehms

TEACHER AT HEART -- Command Sgt. Maj. Merritt makes a point at NCO training. Merritt was always explaining, instructing, etc., demonstrating to troops what it meant to be a Soldier. He set the standard.



Staff Sgt. Steve Snyder

COMMAND CONFIDENCE -- Col. Emil Philibosian pins another ribbon on Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Merritt at a drill weekend in the Fall of 2000. A ribbon Merritt had earned with a prior unit. Philibosian considered Merritt "an outstanding command sergeant major who is exactly what this unit needs to move forward," according to Col. Douglas Dinon's recollection. And Philibosian's estimate proved to be prophetic.



Sgt. 1st Class Angela Rehms

SOUNDING OUT THE BRASS -- Command Sgt. Maj. Merritt listens carefully to a general officer. Merritt listened - and learned - from Soldiers of all ranks. They learned a lot from him, too.



Sgt. 1st Class Angela Rehms

KUDOS -- Col. Douglas Dinon, left, then commander of the 1079th Garrison Support Unit, lays an award on Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Merritt during the unit's April 2002 drill weekend. Now Fort Dix's Deputy Commander for Mobilization, Dinon presented Merritt with the coveted Legion of Merit just months ago for Merritt's exceptional service to the U.S. Army throughout his 32-year career.



file photo

GREETING THE DAWN -- Reflector safety belt shining, Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Merritt, left, presides over a ceremony at an early morning unit run beginning at Wurman Hall. His self-imposed hours ran 24-7, all the time, all the way. Huahh!

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Coalition forces kill Al-Zarqawi in bombing raid near Baghdad

American Forces Press Service -- BAGHDAD, June 8, 2006 -- Jordanian terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi died in an air strike north of Baghdad yesterday evening, U.S. officials have confirmed.

Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multinational Force Iraq, announced Zarqawi's death during a press conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad today.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, coalition forces killed al Qaeda terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and one of his key lieutenants, spiritual advisor Sheikh Abd-Al-Rahman, yesterday, June 7, at 6:15 p.m. in an air strike against an identified, isolated safe house," Casey said.

President George W. Bush confirmed the announcement Thursday morning.

"Zarqawi was the operational commander of the terrorist movement in Iraq. He led a campaign of car bombings, assassinations and suicide attacks that has taken the lives of many American forces and thousands of innocent Iraqis. Osama bin Laden called this Jordanian terrorist 'the prince of al Qaeda in Iraq.'"

He called on the terrorists around the world to listen to him and obey him. Zarqawi personally beheaded American hostages and other civilians in Iraq.

He masterminded the destruction of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. He was responsible for the assassination of an American diplomat in Jordan, and the bombing of a hotel in Amman.

"Through his every action, he sought to defeat America and our coalition partners, and turn Iraq into a safe haven from which al Qaeda could wage its war on free nations. To achieve these ends, he worked to divide Iraqis and incite civil war. And only last week he released an audio tape attacking Iraq's elected leaders, and denounce-



ing those advocating the end of sectarianism.

Now Zarqawi has met his end, and this violent man will never murder again. Iraqis can be justly proud of their new government and its early steps to improve their security. And Americans can be enormously proud of the men and women of

our armed forces, who worked tirelessly with their Iraqi counterparts to track down this brutal terrorist and put him out of business."

Tips and intelligence led forces to Zarqawi and some of his associates who were conducting a meeting approximately eight kilometers north of Baqubah when the air strike was launched, Casey said.

"Iraqi police were first on the scene after the air strike, and elements of Multinational Division North arrived shortly thereafter. Coalition Forces were able to identify Zarqawi by fingerprint verification, facial recognition and known scars," he said.

Zarqawi and al Qaeda in Iraq have conducted terrorist activities against the Iraqi people for years in attempts to undermine the Iraqi national government and coalition efforts to rebuild and stabilize Iraq. U.S. officials in Iraq said. He is known to be responsible for the deaths of thousands of Iraqis.

"Zarqawi's death is a significant blow to al Qaeda and another step toward defeating terrorism in Iraq," U.S. officials said in a statement.

"Although the designated leader of al Qaeda in Iraq is now dead, the terrorist organization still poses a threat as its members will continue to try to terrorize the Iraqi people and destabilize their government as it moves toward stability and prosperity," Casey said. "Iraqi forces, supported by the coalition, will continue to hunt terrorists that threaten the Iraqi people until terrorism is eradicated in Iraq."

(From Multinational Force Iraq and White House news releases.)



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stephenson / DMAVA-PAO
NEW COLORS—Col. John Nunn, left, commander of the newly formed 42nd Regional Support Group (RSG), New Jersey Army National Guard unfurls the unit's flag with the help of Command Sgt. Maj. David Kenna, center and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey. Before the new colors could be unveiled at Somerset Armory, the colors of the 42nd Division Support Command (DISCOM) were casted at a ceremony held June 3.

DISCOM cases old colors

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Infantry Division stood up and did a fabulous job."

"As citizen-Soldiers, you're the best in America," Rieth continued. "Thank you for everything you've done for us."

These Soldiers will continue to do the kind of job Rieth spoke of, but under new leadership.

Col. John M. Nunn took command of the RSG from Col. William E. Rochelle, DISCOM commander, during the ceremony.

"Thanks for the confidence in selecting me for the command," Nunn said to Rieth. "I will continue to work with you and support the New Jersey National Guard."

Nunn has been supporting the Army since he joined in November 1969.

He entered the National Guard in September 1977, his first stint with the 42nd DISCOM coming in the early 1990s.

After leaving the DISCOM in 1995, Nunn returned to the unit as executive officer in December 2000.

He briefly served as commander from September to December 2003 before train-

ing at and deploying through Fort Dix as part of the DISCOM's 19-month mobilization during 2004 and 2005.

"It was an honor to serve with these Soldiers," Nunn said. "Put me on a bus right now and I'll go back over there with these kids."

Having more time to spend with his kids will be Rochelle, who has spent the past two-and-a-half years commanding the 42nd DISCOM.

"The Soldiers in the 42nd DISCOM have always proven themselves," he said. "What you've accomplished over the past two years exceeded my wildest dreams."

"Whatever the risk, you accomplished the mission," Rochelle continued. "You made your nation and your state proud. You're part of history now."

The 42nd RSG is likely to continue its proud history under the command of Nunn.

"There's no question in my mind that we've got the right officer to stand up the Regional Support Group," said Rieth of Nunn.

"I know there's no one better qualified to take this command," added Rochelle.

Training Division headquarters named in honor of Maine Soldier

Pascual Flores
Public Affairs Staff

"Poor is a nation that has no heroes. Poorer still is a nation that having them, forgets their sacrifices."

Those were the opening remarks June 3, by Col. Douglas Dinon, Deputy Installation Commander for Mobilization, at Fort Dix, in a ceremony honoring a Soldier who has made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

"America is a nation rich in heroes," said Dinon. "We are here today to honor the sacrifice of one of them, Sergeant Lawrence A. Roukey."

Building 5428, which houses the Soldiers of the Third Battal-

ion, 391st Regt., 7th Brigade, 98th Division (IT), became the newest facility to bear the name of a Soldier killed in the Global War on Terrorism.

Recounting the life of Sgt. Roukey to those assembled was

"There can be no better place to honor the memory of Sgt. Roukey than Fort Dix. Literally millions of Soldiers have passed through this post – in war and in peace, as basic trainees, as Reservists, and as members of units bound for duty around the world."

Col. Douglas Dinon

Maj. Gen. Bruce Robinson, commander, 98th Division (IT). Sergeant Lawrence A. Roukey was born April 4, 1971 and spent most of his life in

Portland, Maine. He graduated from Deering High School in 1989. He and his family lived in Westbrook, Maine, where his wife, Ryan and children still reside.

Roukey began his military career with the United States Army when he entered Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga., the Home of the Infantry.

From July 1991 to August 1992, he served in B Company, 1/502nd Infantry Division, in Korea, where he excelled as an Infantryman.

From August 1992 to April 1994, he served in A Company, 1/327th Infantry, at Fort Campbell, Ky., earning the rank of Specialist. After three years of service, he went home to Maine.

Upon returning home, he joined the Maine National Guard and began working as a Postal Clerk in South Portland.

Roukey served with the Maine National Guard from April 1994 till June 1996, and it was at that time that he decided to hang up his uniform to raising a family after his marriage to his wife Ryan.

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Shortly after the birth of his son Nicholas, Roukey joined the Army Reserve, D. Company, 3/304th, 7th Brigade, 98th Division in Lewiston, Maine.

In 2002, Roukey was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and two years later was mobilized as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On April 26, 2004, Roukey was killed in hostile action in Baghdad, Iraq. For his actions that day his nation awarded him the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Roukey is survived by his wife, Ryan, his son Nicholas and his daughter Sonya.

"What we want to do is give a permanent memory to Larry and put a marker on this installation thanking America's heroes," said MG Robinson.

A portrait and plaque of Sgt. Roukey were unveiled by his wife Ryan with the assistance of Col. Dinon and Maj. Gen. Robinson, to be placed at the building bearing his name.

At the closing ceremony, Col. Dinon remarked, "There can be no better place to honor the memory of Sgt. Roukey than Fort Dix."

"Literally millions of Soldiers have passed through this post – in war and in peace, as basic trainees, as Reservists, and as members of units bound for duty around the world."

"Every division in the Army today, at one time came to Fort Dix." "It is truly the Home of the Soldier, the Home of the Ultimate Weapon," Dinon concluded.

The Official Party for the event included Col. Dinon, Acting Fort Dix Installation Commander, Maj. Gen. Bruce Robinson, commander, 98th Division (IT), and Chap. (LTC) Lee C. Hardgrove.

Army headquarters outlines change

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operational organizations serving as the Army component for a combatant commander. Lastly, there will be eleven Direct Reporting Units – Army organizations comprised of one or more units with institutional or operating functions, providing broad general support to the Army in a normally single, unique discipline not otherwise available elsewhere in the Army.

The restructuring accomplishes four objectives: (1) recognizes the global role and multi-disciplined functions of the Army Commands; (2) establishes the Army Service Component Commands as reporting directly to the Department while serving as the Army's single point of contact for a combatant command; (3) acknowledges Direct Reporting Units as functional proponents at the Department of the Army level and; (4) enables the Army to set the foundation for gaining better effectiveness and efficiencies by transforming its business processes while operationally focusing the theater Armies to combatant commands.

Lineage and heraldic honors are preserved in command names and their insignia.

Who said that?

Last week's quote was:

"Propel, propel, propel your craft softly down liquid solution. Ecstatically, ecstatically, ecstatically, ecstatically, existence is simply illusion."

—Mr. (Fred) Rogers
Television Host

This week's quote is:

"If you don't know what to do with many of the papers piled on your desk, stick a dozen colleagues' initials on them and pass them along. When in doubt, route."

Who said that? Find the answer in the next edition of The Post.

Barham sets sail for next GWOT mission

David Moore
Public Affairs Staff

In any Army, leadership gets the job done. To accomplish the mission, leaders must engender trust, must remain focused, and must possess the ability to identify and communicate concisely the objective and how to achieve it—all based on experience and lessons learned.

So it stands to reason those successful traits has left Col. Lonnie Barham bound for a new assignment in support of the Global War on Terrorism as he leaves his command position as the Fort Dix Deputy Commander for Mobilization. After three and one half years at Fort Dix, late last month he turned over his mobilization responsibilities to his successor, Colonel Doug Dinton.

While this Ozark Mountain, Arkansas-born Soldier who now hails from Warwick, R.I., has spent many years in Army combat boots in enlisted, warrant officer and commissioned officer ranks, his career started in the Navy on board "The First and Finest," America's first nuclear submarine the U.S.S. Nautilus. There, as an enlisted Cold War Sailor, he recalls that he thought his young life was invincible, even though submarine duty was dangerous and required constant attention to detail.

The first leadership tour
During his first 1966 cruise aboard Nautilus, while transiting the frigid Atlantic north of the Arctic Circle enroute to perform a classified mission, the young 19 year old Barham witnessed leadership and attention to detail first hand. A small radio antenna had broken and needed repair, a task capable of completion only on the ocean's surface. Since nuclear submarines spend most of their time hiding submerged for months at a time, unplanned surfacing exposes these boats to enemy eyes. Since the antenna was essential to the sub's mission, however, the order was given to "seal" surface and do the repairs. "So we pop up on the surface, with only four-to-five feet of the submarine's sail sticking above the water," Barham said.

Because of the extreme cold and with Arctic waves splashing over the sail and soaking look-out crews and technicians, everyone "topside" had to be strapped in place and were allowed only 20-minutes exposed to the harsh elements before being rotated below decks for recovery and clothing changes. The repair required almost two hours to complete. Barham worked three rotations as a lookout.

"What stood out in my mind most in that frigid Arctic air with freezing water spraying all over us was the commander (Capt. Frank C. Fogarty) standing there the entire time constantly vigilant for our Cold War enemies and for ice obstacles while also personally ensuring the repair went well. Here we are topside for 20-minutes, then we rush back inside for a cup of coffee and he just stood there throughout the entire process," Barham said. "That was dedication to the ship and its crew. I really respected that. It taught me early on what senior officer leadership entailed," Barham concluded.

Navy Blue to Army green

After six years in the Navy, Barham found dry land with the Rhode Island Army National Guard where he served for well over 20 years. He transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve in 2002 with assignments to the 78th Division (Training Support), before coming to Fort Dix in January of 2003.

Lt. Col. Charles Smith, the Acting Deputy Installation Commander, said Barham was instrumental in streamlining the 1079th Garrison Support Unit's Installation Support Battalion into the Fort Dix Mobilization Readiness Battalion to better support the mobilization mission. Barham gave personal care and attention to each unit mobilizing for the Global War on Terrorism. "His contributions to mobilizing unit leaders, garrison Soldiers, workers and to the Fort Dix mission have been nothing short of extraordinary," Smith said.

For more than 60,000 of the close to 80,000 Soldiers who have left and returned home



David Moore

FROM SEA LEGS TO BOOTS—Col. Lonnie Barham, the former deputy commander for mobilization, Fort Dix, hoists his last yellow pennant for the 377th Military Police before moving on to his next assignment. He started his military career as a nuclear navy sailor in 1968, then became a Groton, Ct., police officer. As a Soldier, he served as an enlisted person, becoming a warrant officer in the 1970s before being commissioned.

from the Global War on Terrorism, the Barham touch has been known on Post. And that touch includes raising the Army standard.

For the last few years, Barham headed up mobilization meetings with unit leaders to determine how the Soldiers were progressing in their training, logistics and personnel issues, and to assist unit leaders through the sometimes labyrinthine mobilization process. Regardless of the number of units engaged in the mobilization process, he met with every unit commander and first sergeant at least twice weekly and often far more frequently.

Eye-to-eye

"I don't care how small the problem. It needs to be fixed here and not in the theater of operations," he said. "The only way to identify problems, identify solutions and resolve the issues is to meet eyeball-to-eyeball with unit leaders several times a week," Barham continued. Fixing the problems, he reported, required working closely with all Fort Dix directorates and with the units' peacetime commands. In many instances this required Barham to intercede personally with general officers of Reserve and Guard units to ensure deploying Soldiers had the right gear for war, and with First Army and FORSCOM staff. Many times this resulted in equipment being shipped to Fort Dix directly from the factory. Barham emphasized that his success in deploying units fully prepared for their wartime missions was due to the support and hard work of the Mobilization Readiness Battalion, the Training Support Brigade, and all Fort Dix directorates.

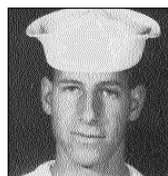
In addition to his mobilization responsibilities, Barham was instrumental in pushing programs that honor and recognize deploying and returning Soldiers and units.

Once such program involves Galco International, known for its M9 holster quality and who sponsors the Holsters for Heroes program which allows U.S. citizens to donate military holsters to deploying Soldiers through veterans service organizations. Barham, after working through military legal channels and enlisting the support of local veterans service organizations, began awarding the holsters to deploying Soldiers E-4 or below who scored expert with the M9 pistol during the mobilization process.

Another program Barham played a major role in is the "Yellow Banner Program." For anyone driving by Infantry Park, a glance toward the Ultimate Weapon statue will reveal yellow banners flying in the overhead. Each banner is inscribed with a unit name in memory of those units currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan that deployed through Fort Dix. As each unit made final preparations for departure, Barham

hosted a ceremony Infantry Park where he and unit leaders hoisted the unit's yellow banner as the unit's Soldiers looked on. Upon the unit's return, the ceremony is reversed and the Soldiers will stand in formation again to receive the yellow banner and framed certificate thanking the Soldiers for their service. "We wanted to show these Soldiers that all of America, and especially Fort Dix, is thinking of them while they are deployed," Barham said. "And," Barham added, "we wanted our MRB Soldiers and all the civilian employees at Fort Dix to be reminded every day by these yellow banners that America's Soldiers are in harm's way making major sacrifices so we can continue to enjoy the fruits of freedom."

From shield to storm



Barham learned about sacrifices and challenges first hand when it comes to war. While serving as the Operations Officer for the Rhode Island Army National Guard's 118th Military Police Battalion, he deployed for the first Gulf War where his unit's mission was changed on several occasions to keep up with an ever-changing, fast moving battlefield.

During Desert Storm, the unit was under the operational control of the First Infantry Division, commonly referred to as the "Big Red One," a few weeks before the rush to liberate Kuwait. Before that, the 118th had been assigned to the 14th Military Police Brigade responsible for keeping main supply routes clear in Saudi Arabia. During that time, it was recognized that U.S. 7th Corps and

18th Airborne Corps would be crossing each other in the Saudi desert enroute to their respective attack staging areas. So the 118th MPs, rushed up highways and byways and across miles of open desert to clear the area of Bedouin Camps for safety reasons.

The Big Red One

When the unit was chopped to the Big Red One a couple of weeks before the ground attack, Barham's MPs and a group of combat engineers crossed into Iraq, cleared the Iraqi obstacle belts, and created breach/attack lanes with MIKLIK rockets so the infantry, armor, and artillery units would be able to move safely into the battlefield once the attack order was given. The MPs provided security for the engineers and marked the attack lanes. Shortly thereafter, when the ground attack began, the 118th MPs literally led hundreds of columns of M1 Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles through the long breach lanes and eight miles into Iraq.

Barham reflected on the beginning of that ground war. "Here you have MPs driving their HUMVEES guiding the infantry through the attack lanes and on the back each MP HUMVEE was the Infantry slogan, 'Follow Me.'" "What's funny about it is that an infantry officer came up with the idea for the signs," Barham said. "Regardless, I can assure you, many of the mechanized infantry Soldiers were highly displeased about the situation," Barham commented.

After pushing four divisions through the breach, Barham and the 118th continued through Iraq with the 1st ID as it engaged the vaunted Republican Guard. The MPs conducted area security and supply route patrols, and did "mop-up" operations for pockets of Iraqi ground troops bypassed by the armor and mechanized infantry. Barham's battalion captured 1200 enemy prisoners of war and handled over 5,000 taken off the hands of the Big Red One. A patrol on the last day of hostilities found Barham and his unit in Kuwait traveling the infamous "Highway of Death" a

few days after the U.S. bombed the highway while it was filled with Iraqi soldiers trying to escape Kuwait before arrival of liberating forces. "Unbelievable carnage," Barham noted.

A few days after Kuwait City was liberated from the south, Barham and his unit entered from the north. "I understand how a World War II American troop felt after he liberated Paris. The outpouring of gratitude from the Kuwaiti people was just incredible."

Barham is a graduate of the University of New Haven in Connecticut, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Business Administration degree.

His military education includes the Military Police Officer Basic and Advance courses, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Human Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Rhode Island Star with two awards, and numerous service medals. As a civilian, he serves as Director of Human Resources for the East Providence, R.I., School Department, a position he accepted after retiring from Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in 1999 after 25 years of service.

Barham is married to the former Virginia Garzilli and he has two grown children and two grandchildren.

Barham looks forward to his next assignment, which will be his last since he reaches mandatory retirement in August of 2007.

Asked what he will miss about Fort Dix the most, Barham answered, "The people, especially the Soldiers. Fort Dix is blessed with some of the finest Soldiers and civilians in the Army. That's why we have been so successful. I will always remember my time at Fort Dix as one of the most pleasant, most productive, and most satisfying times of my life."

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

Vendors needed for Juneteenth Celebration

The African-American Culture Association of McGuire AFB and the Fort Dix Black History Observance Committee will be sponsoring their annual Juneteenth Celebration **June 10** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Crowshaw Park in Wrightstown.

There will be face painting, information booths, children's corner, moon bounce, and other entertainment, just to name a few happenings at this free family event.

If you would like to be a vendor, or need additional information, please call Tech Sgt. Jennifer Nobel-Slaton at 754-4371.

McGuire Clinic set for early closure

The McGuire Clinic will be closing at noon **June 15** and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. **June 16**. The closure is due to the clinic's support of the 305th Air Mobility Wing's Sports Day.

BOSS program sponsors free Virginia Beach trip

The Better Opportunities for Single Service members (BOSS) program is sponsoring a free trip to Virginia Beach and Busch Gardens **July 21-23**. The bus will leave from Fort Dix at 6 p.m. **July 21** and return on **July 23**.

The BOSS program at Fort Story will host a beach blast event on the day of arrival, and a dance party that evening. Participants will be shuttled to Busch Gardens **July 22** and granted free admission to the park.

There are only 50 seats available, so reserve yours now. Points of contact are Laura.eulalee.johnson@us.army.mil, troy.boston2@na.amc.d.army.mil, mary.parris@mcguire.af.mil, kevin.thompson@dix.army.mil, and david.beidelman02@mcguire.af.mil.

Child care available for kids aged 2 to 5

The Fort Dix Child Development Center (CDC) presently has full-time openings for children 2 years to 5 years of age (children who completed kindergarten this year). A waiting list exists for children under 3 years of age.

Fees are based on total family income and include breakfast, lunch and snacks. The CDC is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information and registration call Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registry at 562-4702/5231 or stop by building 5203 on Fort Dix.

Yard of the Month competition ongoing

The arrival of warm weather heralds the start of the yearly Yard of the Month competition for the months of June, July and August. The Yard of the Month program is designed to instill pride in the family housing communities and provide special recognition to those who have taken exceptional pride in their outside areas.

On-site visits will be performed during these periods and one "yard" from each community will be selected. Selection will be based on yards with flowerbeds as well as lawns with grass trimmed and edged around walks, driveway, curbs and fences.

As there is a regulation to maintain yards, this program gives residents incentive to take more pride in their yards and be recognized for their efforts.

Garden plots ready to grow

The Regional Directorate of Public Works (RDPW) has prepared garden plots for the 2005 growing season. Plot sites will be assigned upon request by Fort Dix residents. To reserve a plot, call 562-2015 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Fun, games rule at McGuire street fair



The Wrenchmen, made up of 305th Maintenance Squadron members Chief Master Sgt. Gale Holmes, Senior Airman Daniel Meehan and Tech. Sgt. Robert Elk, compete in the Battle of the Bands during the June 3 Military Appreciation Street Fair held on McGuire Air Force Base. Nicholas Dorrian, left, aims for the green at the giant golf activity.



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Sophia Manca receives one of 87 bicycles given by BAE Systems to children of deployed or recently deployed service members.



photos by Carolee Nisbet

Bells chime during Charlie Company concert

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

Soldiers from Charlie Company enjoyed another evening of entertainment coordinated by Staff Sgt. Melody Garcia, Charlie Company morale support NCO, May 30.

More than 30 members of the company got to enjoy a home-cooked meal provided by Garcia while they were entertained by the talented young members of the Emmaus Baptist Academy Handbell and Vocal Choir.

The young adults traveled for more than two hours from their school in Emmaus, Pa., to show their appreciation to the Soldiers for their service to the country.

Though the students had not been together for a very long period of time as a Handbell and Vocal Choir, their performance exhibited the skills of those with many more years of experience, according to their director Debbie Reeder.

Branding bright brass bells of many different sizes, the students performed medleys of patriotic and inspirational music. Not only did they play the bells, they also performed vocal arrangements including a medley of patriotic songs such as "This is My Country," "Yankee Doodle," and "Dixie" that brought the audience to their feet with thunderous applause.

The voices of the choir were as clear and moving as were the tones of the bells, and amazed the Soldiers that such young people could be so talented.

The audience was so enamored and impressed that they kept breaking out in bursts of clapping and words of approval.

The vocal director, Chris Gable, a graduate of the academy, mesmerized those in attendance when he performed a tenor solo with a voice that was so smooth and silky the words seemed to float in the air.

"It was wonderful. I almost started crying. It touched my heart that these young people would come from more than two hours away to show their appreciation for what we do. They are so young and talented and I'm so proud of them. I'm very proud of my country and they really stirred up that pride within their wonderful music," said Spc. Clark Whitney from Simpsonville, S.C.

"We have a great respect for our military and appreciate the sacrifices they make on our behalf. We wanted to do something for them. We know that



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FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS -- Members of the Emmaus Baptist Academy Bell Choir perform for the Charlie Company Soldiers May 30. The performers are, from left, Jason Ossman, Eric Dotson, Nina Hall, John Nadaskay, Thomas Delp, Samuel Hammett and Jonathan Rogers.

true peace comes from a relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we wanted to convey that through song and the Gospel," said Timothy Anger, principal of Emmaus Baptist Academy.

"To realize that there are so many who have been injured and sacrificed themselves for our country just inspires appreciation for these Soldiers," added Anger.

Pastor Chuck Shorter of New Testament Baptist Church in Columbus shared some words of encouragement and inspiration with the folks from Charlie Company.

"It takes more than putting on a uniform to be a Soldier. It takes a special spirit inside. A Soldier has a charge to keep. It requires a life of sacrifice," Shorter told the troops.

"There is a level of patriotism that rises when you are in the presence of those who serve in the military like these Soldiers do. It's nice to be even a small part of something like recognizing those who truly deserve an award like the Purple Heart," he said.

"We started our ministry here 10 years ago with the desire to meet the needs of our military neighbors. We

really do care about these Soldiers. To be part of this is a way to serve the Soldiers. We don't do it what we do to pad our numbers at church but just to serve," said Shorter.

The evening was topped off when Paula Brown, director of marketing for Rizieri Salons & Spas in Marlton, shared the history of the Purple Heart with the Soldiers. Brown is a novice historian who is fascinated with the origins and significance of the award.

"I think a lot of it has to do with my love of history and when I met Staff Sgt. Garcia and she told me she had a couple of Purple Heart recipients in her midst. It was very important to me that these Soldiers understand the importance and significance of what they are doing and their role in our country's history," said Brown.

Brown had met with Garcia previously and the idea was formulated for the Soldiers of Charlie Company to receive some show of appreciation from the business that she represents.

"We have a great respect for our military and appreciate the sacrifices they make on our behalf. We wanted to do something for them. We know that

month for six months. The owners bought into the idea immediately. They happily agreed that it was the least they could do to show their appreciation to the troops for their service and sacrifices. One of the owners made the comment that they realized that they would not be gaining repeat customers from the offer as most of the Soldiers are from outside the local area. It was said that it couldn't be about the money because there was no way to compare what the Soldiers had done for everyone.

Many of the Soldiers present at the evenings event admitted to having taken up the offer of free salon and spa services. They had been pampered with manicures and pedicures. Some had received facials and shampoos while others had taken advantage of the free massages.

"It is just a small way of pampering the troops and making them feel better about themselves and realize that they are appreciated for their service to our country," said Garcia, who continually is looking for ways to treat the folks in Charlie Company like the heroes that they truly are.

'Don't know why there's no sun up in the sky, Stormy weather...'



Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Lena Home was crooning about romance, not storms or floods, when she belted out *Stormy Weather* but the real thing seems intent on periodically bedeviling Fort Dix like even Lena never could.

I remember getting almost blown away one Autumn night in 1988, resting after a training exercise downrange. Soldiers in my unit lost much equipment and we were hurriedly yanked into a building designed, I think, for weapons instruction. Concrete floors never seemed so appealing.

In the summer of 1996 about half of the 1079th Garrison Support Unit came to Fort Dix for a three-month exercise designed to help cadre here process Soldiers deploying to Bosnia. After just two weeks here, a micro-burst (sometimes described as a mini-tornado) swept through post, leaving trees uprooted, telephone poles twisted, vehicles overturned, windows shattered, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage in its wake.

In 2000 during the summer annual training season, a soldier was struck by lightning while sleeping on the ground in a tent at a bivouac site. The lightning had struck a nearby tree, traveling along its wet roots to where the Soldier was sleeping. And struck.

He never woke up. Being only about 25 miles from the ocean as the crow flies, Fort Dix is especially vulnerable to residue from hurricanes barreling up the Atlantic coastline.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) defines a hurricane as "An intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum winds of 74 mph or higher."

Hurricanes are noted for their swirling, violent winds and torrential rains. When they strike, tornadoes and flash floods sometimes trail in their wake.

Electrical storms, of course, do not have to attain hurricane-level intensity to cause physical damage or loss of life. Tips for taking the fury out of storms include the following tidbits:

●**Get indoors when you hear thunder.** Once you hear it you could be hit by lightning. It's safer in enclosed buildings than on the outside.

●**Avoid metal sheds, picnic shelters and bleachers.** If you can't get inside a shelter then look for cover in an enclosed vehicle with a metal roof.

●**If you are trapped outside in the great outdoors, don't become the tallest object in an area.** Avoid tall trees and high ground. Try to find shelter amid clumps of bushes and on low ground.

●**Stay away from water.** Merely standing in puddles makes you a bigger target for lightning run amok.

●**When camping, bivouacking, whatever, don't sleep directly on the ground.** Sleeping on a cot makes you



Carolee Nishet

RISING TIDE -- Waters rose out of Dogwood Lake flowing onto Pennsylvania Avenue last Saturday, June 3, offering a portent, perhaps, of things to come.

less vulnerable to lightning. Even if you're hit on a cot the damage is likely to be less serious.

●**Avoid touching metal objects.** Cooks brandishing their prized stainless steel tongs, softball players swinging aluminum bats, fans sitting in metal bleachers or golfers striving to get in that last round with their metal clubs all risk singeing from fires from the heavens.

●**Remember: lightning often comes before rain.** Most people struck by lightning are not standing in the rain.

●**Even if the sky turns blue, if you can still hear thunder it's still unsafe to prance about outside.**

●**Don't hang around in crowds during thunderstorms.** You merely make a bigger target for lightning. It's safer to play "every man for himself."

According to NOAA, an average of 400 people are struck by lightning each year with about 80 people dying from the attack.

Don't risk becoming just another statistic. Your life means more than that.



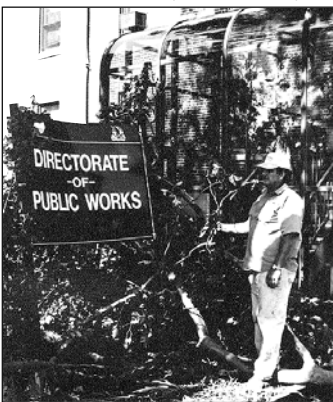
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CLEARING BRUSH -- The storm of 1996 also swept away many trees lining Sever Avenue, above.



Ed Mings

OVERFLOWING -- Last year Fort Dix was plunged into high waters as this scene from the little foot bridge near Tee 10 on Fountain Green Golf Course, above, illustrates. Weather authorities said that only once in every 1,000 years does more than 13 inches of rain fall during a period of less than 12 hours. But last year during the second week of October it did, the rain creating havoc throughout Burlington County. Dams burst, bridges collapsed, sewers overran, cars were submerged, roads resembled rivers and a few people even had to evacuate their homes for a several days as Mother Nature shed heavy tears and humanity was helpless to do much about it.



Steve Snyder

OPEN FOR BUSINESS -- Employees at the Directorate of Public Works had plenty to do in the wake of the micro-burst of 1996.



Steve Snyder

TEN YEARS AGO -- A micro-burst (sort of a mini-tornado) cut a violent swath through Fort Dix during June 1996, uprooting trees at Willow Pond, above, and everywhere else on post. Telephone poles, below, snapped like twigs on Texas Avenue. All told, total damages ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars!



Steve Snyder

MILITARY MATTERS

Soldier's employer recognized for going 'above and beyond'

MORRISTOWN, June 2, 2006 - Schindler Elevator Corporation, one of the nation's leading manufacturers and suppliers of elevators and escalators, received the Above and Beyond Award from The New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, (NJESGR).

The Above and Beyond Award honors employers that have gone above and beyond the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

Alan E. Zentlar, of Schindler Elevator's Philadelphia office nominated the organization for this prestigious award.

Zentlar, a Major assigned to the 3rd Simulations Exercise Group, 78th Division (Training Support), joined the United States Army Reserve in 1992 following eight years of active duty in Europe. He is currently serving as a Mobilization Training Plans Officer at Fort Dix.

At the ceremony, Schindler President Scott Stadelman signed the Five-Star Statement of Support stating Schindler's support of employees who are serving in the National Guard and Reserve. Brigadier General Robert Dutko, United States Air Force Retired, NJ ESGR State Chair, presented Schindler with

the Above and Beyond Award.

"Schindler is honored to be recognized by the NJESGR for our support of our military reservists," says Stadelman. "Everyone in our organization is extremely proud of what our military reservist employees are doing and have been doing to support and defend the United States and freedom around the world."

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*Maj. Alan Zentlar
78th Division*

when I was called up for duty," says Zentlar. "The entire process was handled professionally and I was assured that I would have a job upon my return. The team members at Schindler have embraced

our Army family and continue to support our efforts and mission".

Since 2001, over 20 Schindler employees have been called up for active duty in the Reserves. "Although this was a new situation for the Philadelphia office, I knew that others throughout the organization were called up and had a positive experience with the whole process, so I was confident that my situation would be handled well," says Zentlar.

The New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, (NJESGR), is a Department of Defense vol-



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ABOVE and BEYOND - Schindler Elevator Corporation is presented with the Above & Beyond Award given by the New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Pictured are, left to right, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert S. Dutko, Timothy Grace, vice president of Human Resources & Administration, Schindler Elevator Corporation, Scott Stadelman, president of Schindler Elevator Corporation, retired Master Sgt. Hank Pierre, Major Alan E. Zentlar (seated), United States Army Reserve Soldier and employee of Schindler Elevator Corporation.

unteer organization that provides free education, consultation, and if necessary, mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR's goal is to support New Jersey's employers who share their employees with the Department of Defense to ensure our national security.

Blues to replace Class-A uniform

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2006, Army News Service - "World-class Soldiers deserve a simplified, quality uniform. The blue Army Service Uniform is a traditional uniform that is consistent with the Army's most honored traditions," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

"We have all of these variations of uniforms - green, blue and white," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker. "It makes sense for us to go to one traditional uniform that is really sharp and high quality and which Soldiers will be very proud to wear. And that's what we've done by adopting this blue Army Service Uniform that reflects simplicity, quality, utility and tradition."

Many Soldiers already own an Army blue uniform (now to be called the Army Service Uniform) and may continue to wear it. Improvements will be made to the fabric and fit. Reduction of the number of uniforms will reduce the burden on Soldiers for purchases and alteration cost.

Introduction in the Army Military Clothing Sales Stores should begin in fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007. Introduction in the Clothing Bag should begin first quarter 2009. The Mandatory Possession Date is expected to be set for the fourth quarter fiscal year 2011.

A wear-out date for the Army Green Class A and White dress uniforms will be determined at a later date.

The consolidation of Army service uniforms is part of a streamlining process. In 2004, the Army reduced the number of battle dress uniforms from three to one when it adopted the Army Combat Uniform in place of the Woodland Green Battle Dress Uniform (winter and summer versions) and the Desert Combat Uniform. That uniform consolidation has been a resounding success in terms of soldier acceptance and reducing the variety of combat uniforms with which they must deal.

Army Blue as a uniform color traces its origins back to the National Blue and was first worn by Soldiers in the Continental Army of 1779.

Besides tradition, the Army Service Uniform reflects utility, simplicity and quality.

In utility, the blue Army Service Uniform provides a basic set of components that allow Soldiers to dress from the lowest end to the highest end of service uniforms with little variation required.

In simplicity, the blue Army Service Uniform eliminates the need for numerous sets of green Class A uniforms, service blue uniforms and, for some, Army white mess uniforms (and tunics, for women). Streamlining various service uniforms into one Army Service Uniform reduces the burden on Soldiers in the same manner that the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) did for the field utility uniform.

Retirees able to earn \$1,000 for referrals

WASHINGTON, June 1, 2006 -- The Army today expanded to retired Soldiers eligibility for the \$1,000 recruiting referral bonus.

This newest recruiting incentive pays retired Soldiers a \$1,000 lump sum for referring applicants who enlist, complete basic training, and graduate individual advanced training.

The Secretary of the Army is granted the authority to pay a bonus to any individual who refers to an Army recruiter a person who has not previously served in the Armed Forces and enlists in either the Active Army, Army National Guard or the Army Reserves. The referral may not be an immediate family member and the Retired Soldier referring may not be serving in a recruiting or retention assignment or as a Junior ROTC instructor.

Army Retirees include Active Army Retirees and Army Reserve Component Retirees including Reserve members who have transferred to the Retired Reserve but who have not yet reached 60 years of age.

Since the \$1,000 referral bonus for currently serving Soldiers was initiated in January, the referral Web site has received more than 5 million hits, resulting in approximately 5,000 referrals, 500 contracts, and 100 recruits who have begun training.

The Army plans to present the first \$1,000 check on June 8 to Staff Sgt. Consuelo Spears at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., when Pvt. Bartolomiej A. Rdes graduates from his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Okla. Pvt. Rdes was recruited by Staff Sgt. Alberto Rochezayas from the Chicago Recruiting Battalion.

For more information about this pilot incentive program, retirees should call 1-800-223-3735 extension 6-0473, go to www.usarec.army.mil/smart or contact their local Retiree Services Office.

For referrals to the Army National Guard referring retirees should call 1-800-GOGUARD (1-800-464-8273) or go to www.1800goguard.com/esar.



Who's the BOSS?

The Better Opportunities for Single Service Members (BOSS) organization has elected its leadership. They are, from left, Air Force Master Sgt. David Beideman, coordinator, Sgt. Troy Boxton, president, Master Sgt. Kevin Thompson, treasurer, Staff Sgt. Laura Johnson, vice president, and Christopher O'Donnell, MWR liason. Not pictured are Sgt. Kathryn Hadaway, secretary, and Air Force Master Sgt. Mary Parris, outgoing coordinator.

Shawn Morris



Operation puts 2,500 Guard Soldiers on border patrol

Steven Donald Smith
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2006 – As part of Operation Jump Start, the National Guard will place about 2,500 troops along the U.S.-Mexico border by the end of the month to support efforts to curb illegal immigrants from entering the country, the chief of the National Guard Bureau said this week.

"The National Guard will support federal law enforcement agencies that have responsibilities for the security of

our borders," said Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum. "What we will be doing is bringing military skills, military equipment, military expertise and experience to assist at the request of the Department of Homeland Security."

In a speech yesterday at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M., President Bush said it is unacceptable to have millions of illegal immigrants crossing the border and living in the U.S.

"Guard members are arriving at the border and they're going to set up a headquarters to support Border Patrol

operations," Bush said. "You notice I said, 'Support the Border Patrol.' The Border Patrol is in the lead. That's why you're going through significant training."

The U.S. Border Patrol is currently beefing up of its ranks with the goal of doubling in size to about 18,000 agents within two years. At that time National Guard involvement in Operation Jump Start, which will grow to 6,000 troops, will end.

"If we got a problem, let's address it square on. And if part of the problem is we're waiting to get new Border Patrol

agents trained and we can't wait, let's move some troops in, National Guard troops, that will be able to help ... on the front lines of securing our border," Bush said.

Blum stressed that Guard units will not be involved in direct law enforcement activities. "We will be expanding their (Border Patrol) eyes and ears with entry-identification teams," he said.

When guardsmen spot suspected illegal immigrants crossing the border, they will inform Border Patrol agents, who will then respond to the scene. In essence, the Guard will do detection

work and Border Patrol agents will make the appropriate apprehensions. Blum explained that the Guard already has about 450 personnel along the border doing counterdrug missions in the four states.

"For about 20 years we have had an ongoing mission of supporting civilian law enforcement," he said.

In addition, the Guard participates in "innovation readiness training," where units from around the country practice their engineering, surveying, communication and medical skills along the southern border, Blum said.



Announcements



Movie Schedule at the McGuire AFB Theatre

Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, June 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

American Dreamz - *Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid*
After four years, the President of the U.S. holes up in his room and begins reading the newspaper. In an effort to get him out of the White House, his Chief of Staff sets him up as a guest judge on America's favorite reality competition. Along with the sharky British host, the leader of the free world judges both a conniving steel magnolia and a recent immigrant who's actually a terrorist awaiting activation. **MPAA Rating: PG-13** for *brief strong language and some sexual references*. 108 min.

Saturday, June 10 @ 7:30 p.m.

Akeelah and the Bee - *Keke Palmer, Laurence Fishburne* - A precocious eleven-year-old girl from south Los Angeles with a gift for words. Despite the objections of her mother Tanya, Akeelah enters various spelling contests, for which she is tutored by the forthright Dr. Larabee; her principal Mr. Welch and the proud residents of her neighborhood. Akeelah's aptitude earns her an opportunity to compete for a spot in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and in turn unites her neighborhood who witness the courage and inspiration of one amazing little girl. **MPAA Rating: PG** for *some language*. 83 min.

Future Features...

United 93

Friday, June 16 @ 7:30 p.m.
R, 111 min.

Stick It

Saturday, June 17 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 105 min.

Main Chapel

562-5791/562-2020
Sunday services

Protestant at 9 a.m.

Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. **Gospel** at 11:30 a.m.

Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer Services

held at noon, Monday through Thursday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel

hold a **Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Jewish Services

Shabbat held every first and third Friday evening at 6 p.m. followed by KIDDUSH Fellowship

Chapel 5 (Bldg. 5950)

562-4847

Memorial Prayer Service for Our Soldiers

5:45 p.m. each Sunday

Computer Room: Mon. - Fri.

9 a.m. - noon / 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Infant Baptism and Lutheran Confirmation

Instruction by appointment

Organizations

Vacation Bible School at the Chapel

The Fort Dix Chapel will hold Vacation Bible School from June 26 to June 30 for ages four to 12. Classes are held at the Fort Dix Main Chapel and run from 9 a.m. to noon.

The theme this year is "Quest for God's 10 Commandments."

Registration forms are available at the Chapel. Call 562-2020 for more information.

Youth Center

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

562-5061

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday 2 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:
Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

June Schedule

June 9

Power Fun Friday
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

June 10

Kickball @ the Teen Center
8:00 - 9 p.m.

June 12

Power Hour
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Lab
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

June 13

Power Hour
2:30 - 6:00 p.m.
GIS/GPS Club
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Computer Lab
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

June 14

Power Hour
2:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Sports and Fitness
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

June 15

Tech Club
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Computer Lab
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Power Hour
2:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Torch Club
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Computer Lab
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Home School Group Sessions

Parent-led activities in sports/fitness, arts & crafts, and science

Fridays for kids ages 5 to 18
A no-fee registration is required

Call for more info on Saturday programs, including Midnight Basketball the first Saturday of each month from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

MOBILIZATION NEW YOU CAN USE

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Post Shuttle Bus

562-5888

Monday to Sunday -- 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
During the day *Starr Tour* busses are used, in evening the military *Bluebird* busses are run.

Dix Shoppette/Class Six/ Gas Station

723-0044

Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Friday - 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Weekends - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

New Hours

Commissary, BX/PX & Mail

754-4154, 723-6100

Monday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Military Clothing Store/Alterations

723-2307

Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Club Dix

723-3272

Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Revolutions Lounge
Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.

Spouses' Club Thrift Shop

723-2683

Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of each month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Consignments are taken the first three hours of each day the shop is open. Consignment items must be clean and in good condition - no tears or stains on clothing and shoes, and no heavy chips or dents in furniture or other household items

Outdoor Recreation

562-6667

Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

Reduced Services

Post Library/Computer Lab

562-5228

Delaware Ave. & First St.
Library Closed - Computer Lab Only
Tuesday to Friday - 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

McGuire Gas Station

723-4705

East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Firestone

723-0464

Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.
Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dining Facilities

Bldg. 5640

Breakfast	Mon - Sun	6 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch	Mon - Sun	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner	Mon - Sun	4:30 to 6 p.m.

McGuire Shoppette

723-4705

East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Recreation Center

562-4956

Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.

AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

Burger King

723-8937

Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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24/7 information

Family Advocacy
562-5200
Chaplain
562-5721/2920
American Red Cross
562-2258
Army Emergency Relief
562-2767

Promotions bring chapel changes

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

There seems to be a new glow over at the Main Chapel these days. It might well be coming from all the gold over there now — gold leaves that is. There has been a major change going on among the chaplains over the past two months. The staff has seen two of its chaplains promoted to the rank of major and another just reported in for duty.

Chaplain (Maj.) Craig Pache was promoted to his new rank on April 13 while Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Heisterman pinned on his new rank May 5.

Along with his promotion Pache also received a new assignment. He will soon be leaving to join the 3rd Recruiting Brigade in Chicago, Ill. to assume his new duties as a recruiter for new chaplains.

Pache, a native New Jersey, was born just down the road in Vincentown and has spent his last four years serving the Soldiers of Fort Dix. Before he joined the Army he was a United Methodist pastor. He is very excited about his new opportunity and looks forward to the challenges ahead.

"What an awesome opportunity God has given me to share not only the Army story but also the chaplain story. If you want to really minister this is the

place to be. It was the most gratifying experience being at Fort Dix. I have been in ministry for the past 19 years and these last four years have been the best. I have worked with a great staff. The chaplain assistants here enable us to do the work we do. They carry the real load. I really have enjoyed my experiences and relationships with the people here," said Pache.

A very unique situation unfolded this promotion cycle with the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR). Only two chaplains were selected for promotion to major and they are both here at the Main Chapel. Pache is one of them; the other is Chaplain (Maj.) Jason Logan.

Logan hails from the Tennessee and Kentucky region and has been a pastor for more than 20 years. He is ordained with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a more evangelic sect of the faith, along the lines of the Freewill Presbyterians.

He has been a chaplain for 11 years — most of it active duty. Logan has spent the majority of his time attached to war-fighting units such as armor, air cavalry, paratroopers, and infantry. He is parachute qualified and has more than 30 jumps under his belt.

Logan was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as a taskforce chaplain as a captain; a position usually held by a major. He has served in Afghanistan



Wayne Cook

MAJOR CHANGES - Recent promotees to the rank of major are Chaplain (Maj.) Craig Pache, Chaplain (Maj.) Jason Logan, and Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Heisterman, all assigned to the Main Chapel. Pache will soon be leaving for a new position with the 3rd Recruiting Brigade in Chicago while Logan has just arrived to replace Pache at the chapel.

and Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and is a Bronze Medal recipient for meritorious service.

The military is not a new experience for Logan as both his father and step-father served in the military.

Logan is joined by his wife of 18 years, Denise, and their three children, Faith, Caleb, and Grace.

"I love serving Soldiers. As the Gospel pastor I get to follow a wonderful pastor in Chaplain

Pache. I get to work with the Soldiers and go out to the field with them. I am thrilled to be here. The Army is a great ministry," said Logan.

Another major change at the Main Chapel is that of installation chaplain. Chaplain (Col.) Marvin Mills has moved on and is assigned to the Chief of Chaplains Office as a special projects officer for the northeast region.

Chaplain (Col.) Ira Kronenberg has assumed duties as the installation chaplain.

Students entertain at year-end event



Dominic Rice, Morgan Darts, and Orion Bondoc lead the audience as they perform 'YMCA' by the Village People during the Fort Dix Elementary School's USO Show June 5. During the liberal arts presentation, the children entertained the rest of the student body, parents, and the faculty with dancing, singing, poetry reading and lip syncing. There was even a karate demonstration where the kids broke boards with their hands and feet.

Wayne Cook



Ed Mingin

Business as usual

FCI faced 7233 Med. in the final round of the Presason Softball Championship last week, with FCI taking home a 6-4 victory. The Med. group put together a team just before the tournament, right after a successful volleyball season. For FCI, it was business as usual with them beating all comers.

Reyes reigns as king of swing



Ed Mingin

HEAVY HITTER -- Lou Reyes smacks one out of the park during the Home Run Derby. Reyes pulled a close victory over Capt. Mike Shanley, who also hit several balls over the fence.

Rain, wind and chilly temperatures didn't keep anyone away from the Home Run Derby this past Tuesday.

Those participating got two rounds of 10 hits to swat the ball over the fence.

The top hitters at that time would advance to the final round, where a champion would be decided.

The weather did keep the amount of home runs down, but Lou Reyes and Capt. Mike Shanley both managed to get the ball out of the park to advance to the final round.

It was a close competition with both batters hitting several long balls that likely would have been home runs had the wind not been there.

Reyes managed to edge out Shanley in the end to acquire the title of "Home Run King."

Getting a facelift

Ed Mingin
Public Affairs Staff

For nearly 40 years the pinsetters at the Fort Dix Bowling Alley have quietly done their job. Bowlers barely give them a thought, unless they aren't working properly.

To keep things running smoothly, the Bowling Center closed its doors last week so workers could replace the pinsetters.

"We're looking to be back up and running around June 26. They said it would take about three weeks," said Ed Scully of the Bowling Center.

"They are about 38 or 39

years old," said Scully about the old pinsetters.

"We'll probably get about 38 years out of the new ones, maybe more."

Getting such longevity from the pinsetters is impressive, considering the complexity of the machines.

"Once the ball is thrown and the pins start to cycle, there are 1500 parts moving," explained Scully. "The old Brunswicks were all mechanical. The new ones are a cross between mechanical and electrical. They are more efficient and run better."

"These were in remarkably good shape," said Craig Bryant of All American Bowling

Equipment. "Our boss bought these pinsetters and will have them refurbished. They are still in decent shape."

Bryant said the job of replacing the pinsetters was on schedule and expected things to remain on track.

"Once the prep work is done, it goes pretty fast. We had two guys here last week and they ripped apart the back end," he said.

"We did an 18-lane alley in two and a half weeks. All the lanes, the seating, pinsetters, scoring - everything."

Replacing the pinsetters is just one of a long list of improvements for the bowling alley, which has continued to maintain itself over the years. Just recently, they added new electronic scorers.

"These were just put in back in December," said Scully about the new scorers. "They are more user friendly, have better graphics and are more reliable. We have very few problems with these. In November 2004 we redid the kitchen. Back in October 2005 we remodeled both bathrooms."

These improvements go along with the synthetic lanes that Scully said were installed in 1988 and are still in great shape. Still, there are a couple more things Scully wants to do at the bowling center that he says will "leave us wanting for nothing."

"I want to get the ceiling tiles replaced and we want to get some automatic bumpers. Right now we have 12 lanes with manual bumpers. With the new ones, if a family is bowling together on the same lane, the scorer will automatically put up the bumpers when the kids are up and it will retract them when it's Mom's or Dad's turn," he said.

Until the new pinsetters are installed the bowling alley is closed for bowling, but the snack bar will remain open. Snack bar hours are: Mon. - Thur. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m. - midnight, Sat. 1 p.m. - midnight, and Sun. 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. For more information about hours, call 609-562-6895.



Ed Mingin

HANDS ON -- Craig Bryant, of All American Bowling Equipment, disassembles the pinsetters at the Fort Dix Bowling Center. The bowling alley will be closed until the end of June, after new pinsetters are installed.



Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Doughboy Gym
Newport Ave.
Monday - Friday
5 to 9 p.m.
Closed weekends

Playoff Action

The Fort Dix Red Sox grabbed a playoff victory earlier in the week, beating the Cubs 3-2.

It was an exciting pitching duel with Troy Savage and Gavin Campbell taking to the mound for the Red Sox.

Raymond Casher hit an RBI triple late in the game and scored a run.

Look in next week's Post for more playoff results for the Red Sox and Mets.

Football & Cheerleading Registration

Registration for football and cheerleading will begin May 22 and run through July 28.

There is a \$70 fee for football and a \$40 fee for cheerleading.

A late fee of \$15 will be charged after July 28.

There is also a fee of \$18 which is good for one year in any CYS program.

Proof of sports physical for the current year is required. Call 562-4072 or 562-5231 for more information.

Soccer Registration

Soccer registration for the upcoming fall season will

begin June 1 and run through Aug. 31, Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There is a \$40 soccer fee and an annual fee of \$18, which is good for one year in any of the CYS programs.

Must show proof of sports physical for current year or have one on file.

Youth third grade and above need to register with the McGuire Youth Sports program.

Call 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

Bowling Center

New pinsetters are being installed at the Bowling Center starting May 31.

This project is slated to take about three weeks for completion.

During this time, there will be no bowling. The Snack Bar will remain open during this timeframe.

Hours for the snack bar are as follows:

Mon. - Thur.
5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri.
5 p.m. - midnight
Sat.
1 p.m. - midnight
Sun.
2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Outdoor Rec

There are a variety of trips planned by Outdoor Rec. this summer. Below is a partial list.

June 17
Fluke fishing trip
\$45 Adults/\$35 Children

June 24
Tubing & BBQ lunch
\$25
Call 562-6667 for details.